

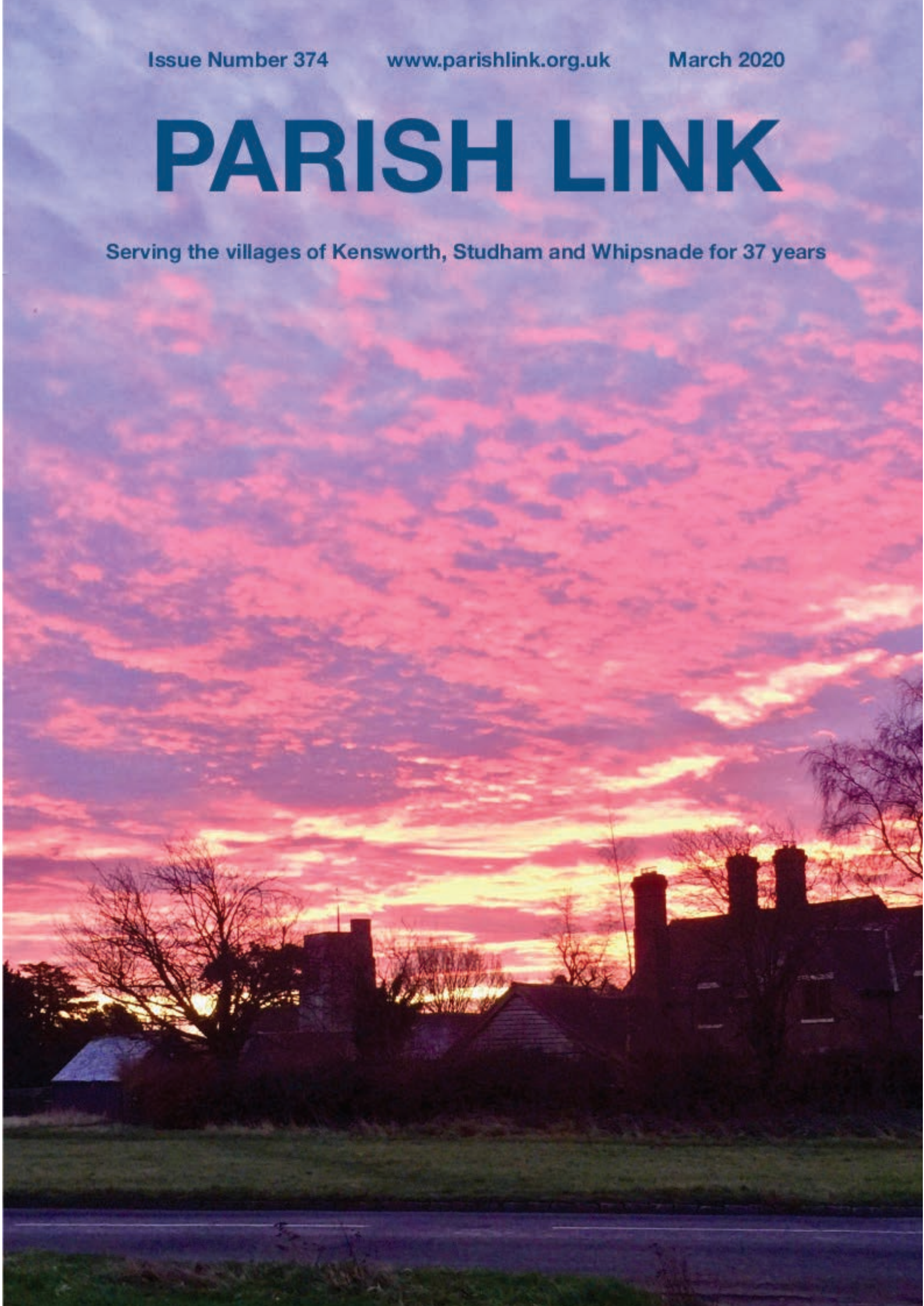
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Luke 9:57-56 *“As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”*

First of all, may I say a huge ‘Thank You’ to all who supported the Big Sleep Out at Redbourn Methodist church in December. I’m delighted to report that, supported by Studham and Southdown churches, we raised a stunning £400 – twice the original target. I have put together my ‘Video Diary’ of my experience of sleeping out, and above is a picture of me in my makeshift ‘home,’ well wrapped up against the cold! I had plenty of time to think about the very real problems and concerns that being in this predicament produces for individuals and their loved ones.

The reading above tells us that, for Jesus, the state of his birth also became one of the underpinning themes of his adult ministry. Much is spoken these days of how the Holy family came to be refugees and were forced to become migrants due to imminent persecution, and it is good to remind ourselves of this. Yet the adult Jesus perpetuates this sense of movement, and even restlessness, in his life with his disciples.

Drawing on some of my experiences, I can certainly affirm that, for those without shelter, a place of safety, warmth and acceptance is undoubtedly at the top of concerns, and we all share in the calling to make such a safe place available to all.

This month has seen the official ending of our formal links with the EU. For some this is a herald of future prosperity, for others a more uncertain future. But the message and example of Jesus reminds us that the ultimate stability, certainty and sense of being wholly loved, will not be found in either treaty or independence. Rather, it is found in the embracing of the gracious love God holds out to us all. A love that somehow enables us to step out from the comfortable and embark on the great adventure of faith. I pray that we may all find ways to join Jesus on this adventure in the coming months and years.

(You can find Rev. Stuart’s video diary on YouTube – search for ‘Big Redbourn Sleep Out Video Diary’ – or Facebook – search for Rev. Stu’s home page).

The front cover shows a beautiful sunrise over Whipsnade. Thanks to Whipsnade resident, Kim Brown, for the photo.

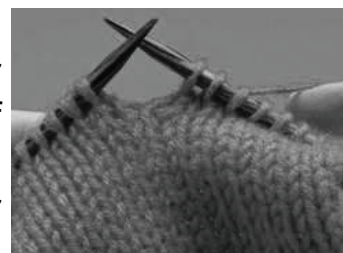
WHIPSNADE CHURCH NEWS

Prayers: in March we will be praying for the people of Whipsnade Park Homes and all the businesses in the village. If you want special prayers to be said, please contact the Rector.

Village Lunch: the Lunch will be on Thursday 12th March at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a two-course lunch with tea or coffee. The March main course is a choice from roast pork, chicken curry, fisherman's pie or beef hotpot. Pam Ward (872406) or Isobel Randall (872552) would love to have offers of help, a raffle prize or a pudding.

Sunday School: we are thrilled to have revived our Sunday School which takes place on the second Sunday of every month, in the vestry during the church service at 9am. Contact Nicola Lenthall (872223) for details.

Whipsnade Knit and Natter: we are starting a Knit and Natter group on Tuesday 3rd March from 2pm – 4pm in our new cosy church vestry. It will continue on the first Tuesday of every month. Come along for an afternoon of refreshments, company and crafts. Bring your own project to knit, sew or crochet, or we can help you if you want to learn something new. Easy patterns, equipment and wools are available to start you off. All we ask is a small donation to cover the cost of refreshments. Contact Jo King (873368) or Isobel Randall (872552) for more details. No need to book in advance, just come along!



Churchyard Work Party: on Saturday 14th March 10am to 12 noon. A tidy up after the winter, helpers welcome. Details from Pam Ward (872406).

Mothering Sunday: a reminder; on 22nd March everyone is welcome to our special service (especially mums and children). Come to enjoy refreshments and Simnel Cake after the service.

Whipsnade Fete: we are busy planning this year's fete to be held on Saturday 13th June. If you would like to take part, or have an idea for the fete, please contact Kim Brown (872015).

WHIPSNADE GREEN SCRUB CLEARANCE

On Sunday 8th March from 11am – 3pm. The last one of the season. We will continue clearing the re-growth on The Green near the Zoo boundary. Everyone welcome, tools provided. Bring your own picnic. Queries to Charles Frost (871417). Very many thanks to the Greensand Trust and everyone who has helped with these tasks during this winter.

KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS

In March our special prayers will be for all the residents of The Chilterns. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

See page 13 for special Lent events. Everyone is very welcome to these gatherings: your presence is important. NB: we join Kensworth Methodist Church on Mothering Sunday (22nd), so there is NO service at St Mary's.

Choir News

The choir will sing at Holy Communion on 1st March and at Matins on 15th. The choir practises on Fridays, 6pm – 7pm in the church. If you would like to join us please contact Mike Palmer (524183 or medpalmer@gmail.com) or the Rector (872223 or revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com).

Sunday School

On the 8th the children will learn about Abram trusting God; then we go to Kensworth Methodist Church for the Mothering Sunday Service on 22nd March.

If you would like your child to join Sunday School, or if you want to be a helper, contact Katherine Huggins (607841). We welcome all children from 3+. There are senior and junior sections.

Messy Church

All children, with carers, are welcome to the March Messy Church on Friday 13th, 3.30pm – 5.30pm in Kensworth Church Hall, when we sing, hear stories and do crafts on a theme of loving and serving, and enjoy lovely food. There is no charge, but we welcome donations.

The **Church Shop** is open on Wednesdays, 2-4pm, and Saturdays, 10am-12 noon. Do have a browse of all the treasures! We welcome your unwanted bric-a-brac, but please, only items that are clean and undamaged. We cannot accept large pieces of furniture, electrical goods or clothing. If you would like to volunteer to help in the shop, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670) or Heather Woods (873492).

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

For all services, see page 14. The March Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 7th. Do come along for delicious cake, coffee and a chat. Everybody is very welcome.

KENSWORTH LADIES' CLUB

On Friday 27th March there is an outing to the Grove Theatre, Dunstable, to see 'The Elvis Years'. (Already fully booked). Meet there at 7pm. Lifts have been

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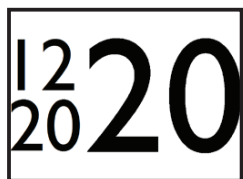
ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church Prayers: in our cycle of prayers we shall, in March, be praying especially for all the people in Holywell Road and Holywell Close. If you would like a prayer to be said, for you or for a special person or event, please contact the churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Children's Church meets during our Sunday morning Holy Communion service on 15th March at 10.30am. It will be the third Sunday of Lent and the children and young people will be thinking about the day's Gospel reading from St John and discussing the concept of Jesus as the 'water of life'. After the service, everyone is very welcome to stay for refreshments and the celebration of all the March birthdays.

Mothering Sunday this year falls on Sunday 22nd March. The informal service is an opportunity for the family to worship together, to celebrate being a family and to give thanks for our mothers and for everyone who cares for us. All mothers and carers will receive a small posy to say 'thank you' for all they do, and there will be refreshments after the service. Everyone is sure to get a very warm welcome.

The annual **Wine Evening** takes place at Studham Village Hall on Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm. There will be all the usual fun – seven good wines and a three-course supper, plus a raffle and an auction. Tickets are £22. Contact John McDougal (873257 or john.mcdougal@btinternet.com) for further details.



800 year Celebrations: 2020 marks the 800 year presence of St Mary's in Studham. Plans are taking shape for two celebrations – on the afternoon of Saturday 27th June there will be a celebration event/concert for all the family in the church and the churchyard, and on Sunday 6th September, the Very Revd. Professor Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, will be preaching in Studham. More details will follow but please reserve the dates on your calendar.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

Our aim is to play a small part in preserving our village heritage by raising money for the maintenance of Studham's oldest building. One of our fundraising ventures is the 100 Club and many thanks to those who have recently renewed.

The February draw is always later in the month to allow for renewals, so the winners will be announced in next month's Parish Link. There's a £50 first prize and a £10 runner up prize each month.

To find out more about the Friends, or to join the 100 Club, please e-mail john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or call 873257.

KENSWORTH EXTRA

KENSWORTH DROP IN CLUB

Everyone is welcome to 'Drop In' every Thursday, 9am – 11am, for tea/coffee and biscuits (soft drinks and crisps for the children). Enjoy a chat and games and get to know the locals! We also have outings.

KENSWORTH BABY and TODDLER GROUP

Wednesdays, term-time, 9.30am – 11.30am, Kensworth Village Hall. £2 per child, £1 per sibling. Includes snack and craft, with tea/coffee/biscuits for the grown-ups! Friendly, parent-run group. Find us on Facebook.

FRIENDS of ST MARY'S, KENSWORTH

Over 80 people attended the **New Year Quiz** and after an enjoyable evening, the first three teams were separated by just one point, but in the end, the team hosted by Katherine Frazer were declared the winners. Many thanks to everyone who helped contribute to a profit of over £600 for the maintenance of the church.

The winners of the **monthly Draw Club** for January and February were Barrie Huggins, Sue Foster, Maureen Brinklow and Brenda Breeden.

A date for your diaries is 13th June, when the Caritas Harmony Ladies Choir will be making a welcome return visit. Further details will be available shortly.

KENSWORTH MAY FESTIVAL



Sunday 3rd May. Come to see the May Queen crowned, a wonderful Dog Show, many interesting stalls, pony rides, BBQ and drinks, plus great raffle prizes! More information soon, so make sure the date is in your diary.

KENSWORTH BOLLYWOOD DANCE EVENING

Saturday 6th June, 7pm – 9.30pm, at Kensworth Village Hall. A really fun evening, led by a Bollywood dance teacher. No experience required, just turn up and follow the leader. Light food will be served. Contact Jane Bedlington (871139).

Early notice: there will be a Family Barn Dance on Saturday 3rd October: more details later.

KENSWORTH CRICKET CLUB

We start preparations for this season with nets practice on Saturday 28th March at Dunstable Cricket Club, 11am to 12 noon, as well as Sunday fixtures. This season the club will also be playing midweek 20.20 matches. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact Duncan Wingfield (01582 872743) for further details. Players of all standards are welcome and club kit can be provided.

STUDHAM EXTRA

STUDHAM SCHOOL TRUST

We are the new community Charity, formed just last year, to support Studham Village School and to ensure that they have the resources they need to give our children the education they deserve.



Please help us raise money for school improvements by shopping online through easyfundraising.org.uk.

It's so simple to get going, all you have to do is:

- 1) Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/studhamschool
- 2) Sign up for free
- 3) Get shopping and start raising money

Studham School will really benefit from your donations. Thank you.

ANDREA MAXTED

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Andrea Maxted passed away on 10th February. Andrea made a valued contribution to community life in Studham, serving on the Parish Council, the WI and, of course, well-known for village quizzes. She will be sadly missed.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON



The Friends' main work-party will be on Saturday 21st March, the first day of Spring. So now is the time to ensure that all the previous year's tasks (from all the work-parties over the entire Common) have been completed. This will ensure that the Common will look at its best and in its natural condition for the coming spring and summer months.

Please note that all tasks will be carefully controlled to ensure any early nesting birds are not disturbed. Everyone is welcome, especially new members. Please come and help out; lunch and tools will be provided for all volunteers.

The Friends meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am. Please contact Joan Stone (872520 or e-mail geone.stone@gmail.com) for further information.

CARPET BOWLS

The Club meets at 7pm in Studham Village Hall on Thursdays (except the first Thursday in the month) and dates are in the diary section. We are a small friendly group and new members are most welcome or just come for a taster. Contact Pat Thorne (872751) or Des Salmon (872082) for more details.

LOCAL NEWS

KENSWORTH POST OFFICE It has become obvious that not everyone is aware that the Post Office has re-opened in Kensworth. It is in the shop in the centre of the village at 57 Common Road (where it used to be although now it is at the main check out and not the back of the shop). It is open whenever the shop is open so it is a really handy asset to our community. But remember, use it or we will lose it again.



Did you know that both Studham and Kensworth are marking important 800th anniversaries this year?

In both villages, the first named vicars were put in place around the year 1220. And in Studham, the church building was consecrated in 1220. This gives us an unbroken 800-year tradition of dedicating lives and buildings to the glory and service of God, and to the love of our neighbours and communities.

Don't miss our Series of Events in celebration of this major 800th anniversary, in which we will be marking the themes of **Time**, **Place**, and **Being Held by God**:

May 16th at Studham May Fair – the chance to add some material and your prayer to an altar cloth being created to celebrate being 'held in the heart of God'

May 31st from 2-4pm – an art workshop at Kensworth Church Hall, looking at how a church building can hold and mother us

June 6th-7th – Flower Festival hosted by Kensworth Methodist Church

June 27th at 3pm – a family-friendly afternoon of 800 years of history and music at St. Mary's, Studham

September 6th in the afternoon and evening – talk and service in both churches by the Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, one of the most senior clergy in the Church of England

And more to come later in the year ... as well as all the other regular church events!

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

If you are affected by any crime or anti-social behaviour, please report these directly to the Police. They need the community to be their eyes and ears to gather information and report to them. This will help them build intelligence data in order to use their resources effectively and target areas most needed.

These should be reported on 101 and you can also start a 101 live web chat online through their website (www.bedfordshire.police.uk).

If you wish to report any issues anonymously, these can be reported through Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or online via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

NORTH CHILTERNERS GROUP

Lent Course

The Annual North Chilterns Group Lent Course this year will be held at St Giles Church Hall, Totternhoe on Tuesday evenings in March, with refreshments at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. All are very welcome! We will be exploring how Christians live and worship and relate to other faiths in different parts of the world, ranging from Sri Lanka to New Zealand to North America. Visiting speakers include the Bishop of Bedford.

Outing To Coventry

There are still places on the Cathedral daytrip to Coventry on 6th June. This will include a tour of the cathedral. Contact Jean Waldock (01525 210782) for more details and to book a place.



The Confirmation Service

This will be on 21st June, probably in Stanbridge. If you know someone who is to be confirmed, please come along to support.

NCG Reps: Dorothy Blackburn (872670) or Deirdre Brook (01525 852557) Kensworth; Derek Spriggs (873468) Studham; Isobel Randall (872552) or Bola Fola-Caleb (07733 223988) Whipsnade; or contact Revd. Nicola Lenthall (872223).

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Services usually at 10.30am

- 1st March United Holy Communion Service at Edlesborough. Worship led by the Rev. Nigel Bibbings (no service at Kensworth).
- 8th March United Service: Worship led by Mr John Enego. All welcome.
- 15th March Worship led by Mr Peter Baker. All welcome.
- 22nd March Mothering Sunday United Service with St Mary's led by Mr Ivor Mitchelmore.
- 29th March United Service at Aley Green. Worship led by Rev. Jenny Spouge (no service at Kensworth).

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

- Sunday 8th March 10am Mr Len Fowler Chapel Anniversary
- Sunday 22nd March 10am Rev. Stuart Dyer Holy Communion

We welcome you to any of the above services.

The foreign student, writing a letter to the superintendent of the mission society, desired to end with the words: 'May Heaven preserve you.'

Not being quite confident of the meaning of 'preserve', he looked it up in a dictionary. When the letter reached the director, it ended with the words: 'And may Heaven pickle you.'

MORE STUDHAM

STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB

We are delighted to announce that we are offering free annual Junior Membership (with every full adult member) and annual Family Membership from £75. Our new membership year starts on April 1st.

Junior and adult tennis coaching takes place every Saturday morning between 9am and 11am (juniors 9am –10am, adults 10am – 11am). All are welcome – non-members £7 per session, members £5 per session. Alternatively, you can block book for the term to achieve a saving!

Our coach, Megan, is also available for private individual or group lessons. Please contact her (07826 855388) for more information. Family social play takes place on a Saturday between 2pm and 4pm.

For more information on coaching or joining the club, please contact Andrew Jones (andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk or 07833 111 682/www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk).

STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

The start of the year seems to have been as busy as the end of last one, with plenty happening in school.

A number of our choir appeared as Munchkins in the Square Drama Circle's "Wizard of Oz" in Dunstable. An amazing performance from all of them.



Our Year 2 and Year 4 children have both been across for an afternoon of sports competitions with The King's School in Harpenden. Rather than the two schools playing each other, the children mix together to create new teams. This gives them the opportunity to make new friends and work on team building skills.

Our Year 2s have also been in action in the Priory Partnership Dance Display. The whole of Year 2 took part and were amazing with some seriously "funky" moves.

WI

On Thursday 5th March at 7.45pm in Studham Village Hall. This is our Annual Meeting with a short talk from a WI Advisor. There will also be cheese and wine! This is an ideal chance for those who want to know more about the workings of the largest women's organisation in the country - we could teach the BAFTAs and Oscars a thing or two!!

MORE KENSWORTH

KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

Oakbeam Class enjoyed a trip to **The Mechanical Art and Design (MAD) Museum** in Stratford-upon-Avon as part of our Ingenious Geniuses Theme. The children enjoyed seeing, exploring and trying out inventions from inventors around the world.

In February, the children spent time thinking all things Maths on our **Number Day**. They investigated stars and mystery missing glue sticks, numbers, counting, shapes; they played lots of games and competed in 'Who wants to be a Mathionaire?'

The week of 3rd – 9th February was **Children's Mental Health Week** and the school council chose to support the CHUMS Charity, who work with many children and young people in our local schools. The theme was 'Shine Bright, Wear Bright', and we all came into school wearing our brightest, sparkliest clothes, for a donation.



Throughout the week, the children had worked together to make and bake for the cake sale, from Preschool to Year 6. There were lots of treats on offer: marshmallow pops, cakes, biscuits and banana bread, all handmade by the children. There was a big turnout and we raised a whopping £213.88!!! Thank you to everyone who supported us: such a massive amount for our small school!

Kensworth School Parent Teachers' Association

If you would like to offer any help / fundraising ideas, please get in touch with us via e-mail (kspta@outlook.com) or contact Gina Owen (07506722053).

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk; Maxine Whiting: e-mail kensworthpc@gmail.com, tel 07912 298141.

Website: www.kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Defibrillators: we are pleased to announce that a defibrillator is now installed at the Village Hall. Following a successful grant application to Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillor funding, we have secured a contribution of £1600 towards an additional defibrillator. This second unit will be installed in March at the Methodist Church. Thanks to them also for their assistance.

Website: we have a new website (see above). This is a work in progress so please bear with us while we change from the old website.

Our **next meeting** will be held on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

STUDHAM PLUS

BINGO

On Wednesdays 11th and 25th March at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall. We are back! Come and join us for bingo during March, doors open at 7.30pm. £5 will cover your expenses, including refreshments and a strip of raffle tickets (put in separately), and whilst we cannot guarantee that you win a prize, we can guarantee a wonderful and enjoyable evening.

STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Please contact us if you would like to use the space for a function or activity – Paul Hocking (pdhocking@btinternet.com or 07500 849280).

Would all those who walk their dogs through the Playing Fields, please keep them on a lead whilst in the grounds and remember to clean up after them? Dog faeces can be dangerous to the health of young children as well as being anti-social to those using the sporting facilities.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

A forward reminder that all Club memberships are due for repayment on 1st April – so don't leave it until the last minute. For those who are not yet members, (and why not??), forms are available at the bar!!

SCRABBLE

Our small but enthusiastic Scrabble Group meets at 2pm every Tuesday afternoon at Studham Village Hall – the weather (13) may be wet (8) and chilly (14), but we can assure (6) you of a warm welcome (14).

QUIZZES

Tuesday 3rd March at 8pm: Red Lion Quiz Night

Saturday 7th March at 7.30pm: Studham Methodist Anniversary Quiz, Studham Village Hall

Quizzes in the Red Lion, first Tuesday in the month. All proceeds go to the Village Hall. Why not put in a team, it is a great night? £3 a head entry to the quiz. There is a raffle and food is available – but remember, if you want the curry – you need to order! Ring Garry Ellis (872530). Rounds remain the same as usual and for those who like to “swot up” - Alphabet is J and Music, P! Good luck and see you there!



Studham Methodist Anniversary Quiz Night in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th March. Tickets £10 include fish and chips. No raffle, but there will be a Treasure Hunt instead!! Contact either Inga West (872138) or Chrys Smith (872989).

WHIPSDNADE VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 21st March we will be holding a “Holistic & Well-Being Fair” between 10.30am and 3.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

WHIPSDNADE TREE CATHEDRAL ‘SPRING CLEAN’

On Sunday 29th March between 11am and 3pm. There will be lots of work to do after the winter storms. Bring a picnic, tools provided, there’s something for all the family to do. Volunteers are needed to help with the regular maintenance of the Tree Cathedral, say half a day a week, interested? Contact Pam Ward (872406).

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee were relieved to resolve the issue of the **gas bills** which totalled £22,522! It was discovered that British Gas had the site address for the Hall as a postcode for Dunstable Road in Totterhoe. British Gas had also used estimated readings for two years, but with the customer reading taken in January 2020, they were able to estimate the usage for the last two years more accurately. The account was then found to be in credit by £2,565!

The committee will ensure that readings are taken regularly, with reminders now coming to the correct address, and a smart meter will be installed for better accuracy.

The Committee reviewed the terms and conditions, and the **rates of hire**, which will have to be raised to cover the outgoings, so that we don’t have to rely too much on fundraising events to bridge the gap. The Committee are reluctant to raise hire rates but have no choice if the Hall is to remain a vital community asset.

The next **Village Walk** is planned for Saturday 7th March and then Saturday 4th April. Please meet at the Village Hall car park at 10am.

At the Church Quiz evening, unfortunately, one of the new tables collapsed, due to a fault. The suppliers will be contacted to check all the new tables.

The Committee are still looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer. If anyone is interested, come to the next meeting on 4th March at 7.30pm.

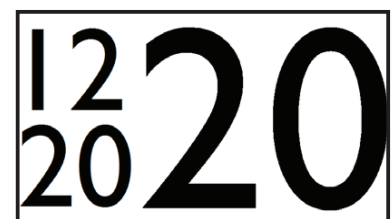
ADVANCE NOTICE:

Reflection 800

Flower Festival in Kensworth Methodist Church.

Celebrating 800 years of Kensworth Parish

5th, 6th, 7th June 2020



STUDHAM PLUS ONE

16TH MAY 2020

Time to dust off the bunting, prepare the May Queen throne, sign up volunteers and make final preparations – wow what a day it will be!

Massive shout out to our headline sponsors; Fine & Country Estate Agents who again will be supporting the Studham May Fair.

Now in its 37th year, this event has grown every year in popularity and this year promises to be the best yet! It's more important than ever that everything is in place to raise as much money as possible so we can support our local charities and community. Of course, this event and the fundraising efforts wouldn't be possible without the support from you, the reader. So while you are preparing to spring clean, put a box aside for anything you would like to donate. We are looking for nearly new items, bottles of wine, books and if you are "crafty" we would love a donation from you for our "Made in Studham" Stall.

Please contact Liesa Coates (liesa.coates@in2global / 872597) if you would like to volunteer or make a donation of items.

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Floor replacement: the tender has been circulated, including to all the builders advertising in The Link. Alternative arrangements for hirers will be made when a start date is known.

New group: Body Stretch & Tone classes on Mondays, 11am to 12 noon. All levels of fitness. Beginners welcome. OK to just come along. Contact is Ros (07805 419685 or rosjaffa@gmail.com).

Annual Quiz Night: Saturday 6th June. Some time away, but not too early for a diary note.

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our **next meeting** is on Monday 2nd March at 7pm in the VH Committee Room. Our April meeting is on the 6th at 6pm in the Committee Room, followed by the **Annual Parish Meeting** at 8.15pm in the Main Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend: refreshments will be served. As a result of the Bank Holiday change, our May meeting will be held on 4th May at 7pm.

Talking of changing the **Bank Holiday** to May 8th as **VE Day**, has anyone any plans or thoughts for village events? We have appointed Lynne Smith as our co-ordinator for this; please let her know via the Clerk (clerk@studhamparish.co.uk).

Remember that, although CBC **green bin collections** will resume on Monday 2nd March, our first collection date will be 9th March, as the 2nd is for the black bin and glass collection.

LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

SOUTH BEDS ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

We meet on 4th March at 7.45 pm in the Salvation Army Hall in Bull Pond Lane in Dunstable. Our talk is “**Medical Detection Dogs**”. Guests welcome, £3.

DUNSTABLE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

“**Bigamy, Bankruptcy, War and Divorce**”. Paul Brown talks about the tangled love life of a Toddington landlady and how her colourful story was revealed by the discovery of a box of WW1 love letters. On 10th March at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall opposite Wilko in Dunstable. Visitors welcome at £2.

LUTON HOO GUIDED WALK

Enjoy visiting the ancient private landscape which is not otherwise open to the public. This is a unique opportunity for a walk with beautiful views across the Bedfordshire countryside designed by Capability Brown interspersed with historic information about the estate in the 18th century. The walk will take at least three hours, depending on the speed of the group. Cost is £5 per person. Dates are 4th and 11th March, at 10am. Booking is essential – visit www.lutonhooestate.co.uk.

FOR YOUNGER READERS

1. Which sort of animal is Eeyore in the Winnie-the-Pooh children’s stories?
2. What flower is traditionally worn on Remembrance Day?
3. Complete the saying, ‘too many cooks spoil the...’?
4. In which season do leaves start to fall off trees?
5. How many extra days are there in a leap year?
6. The countries of China and India are on which large continent?
7. What is the name of the main residence of the queen in London?
8. In which sport do you use a bow to propel arrows at a round target?
9. The Romans came from which modern day country?
10. How many letters are there in the alphabet?
11. Sir Edmund Hillary was the first man to climb which mountain?
12. How many years are there in a century?

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